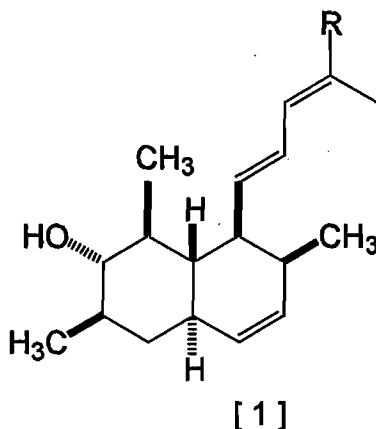


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims replaces all previous claims, and listings of claims, in the application.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An octahydronaphthalene compound represented by the following formula (1):



wherein R represents carboxy, hydroxymethyl, alkoxymethyl, alkoxycarbonyl, or $-\text{CONR}^1\text{R}^2$;

R^1 and R^2 are the same or different and each represents a hydrogen atom, phenyl, or alkyl, an alkyl group and

wherein said alkyl group may be substituted by

1) phenyl which may be substituted by a halogen atom, alkyl, dialkylamino, hydroxyl, or alkoxy;

[[2]]1) 2-pyridyl;
[[3]]2) 3-pyridyl; or
[[4]]3) 4-pyridyl,
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The octahydronaphthalene compound according to claim 1, which is N-(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)-(2E,4E)-5-[(1S,2S,4aR,6R,7S,8S,8aS)-7-hydroxy-2,6,8-trimethyl-1,2,4a,5,6,7,8,8a-octahydronaphthalen-1-yl]-2-methylpenta-2,4-dienamide, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented): A pharmaceutical composition, which comprises the octahydronaphthalene compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 4 (Cancelled).

Claim 5 (Cancelled).

Claim 6 (Cancelled).

Claim 7 (Cancelled).

Claim 8 (Cancelled).

Claim 9 (Cancelled).

Claim 10 (Withdrawn): The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, which is an agent for suppressing ICAM-1 expression.

Claim 11 (Withdrawn): The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, which is a therapeutic agent for inflammatory diseases.

Claim 12 (Withdrawn): The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, which is a therapeutic agent for rheumatoid arthritis.

Claim 13 (Withdrawn): The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, which is an immunosuppressive agent.

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, which is an agent for suppressing cell growth.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, which is an anti-cancer agent.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): A method for treating inflammatory diseases, rheumatoid arthritis ~~or cancer~~, or a cancer chosen from the group consisting of lung, prostate, pancreas and fibrosarcoma, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the octahydronaphthalene compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): A method for suppressing ICAM-1 expression, immunization or cell growth, which comprises administering to a subject in need thereof an effective amount of the octahydronaphthalene compound according to claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.